

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Original claims 9 and 11 were objected to because of noted informalities. Claim 9 and intervening claim 8 have been incorporated into an amended claim 3. As incorporated in claim 3, the text of claim 9 has been revised to address the typographical error noted by the Examiner.

Claim 10 was objected to because of a noted informality. Claim 10 has been canceled above.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's objections to the claims are requested.

Claims 4, 13, 14, 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as certain terms therein lacked sufficient antecedent basis. The claims have been reviewed and revised above so as to obviate the grounds for this rejection.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection under 35 USC 112 are solicited.

Original claims 1-6, 8, 13, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Takemoto. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

To advance prosecution, the limitations of dependent claim 7 have been incorporated into amended claim 1 and the limitations of dependent claim 9 and intervening claim 8 have been incorporated into an amended claim 3. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection has been mooted.

Original claims 7, 9-12 and 14-16 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takemoto in view of Moroto. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The present invention is characterized *inter alia* in that a bearing 26 is positioned at least partially in a recess 120, 160 of rotor 40, and the side end surface of the rotor 40 facing pump section 16, 20 is covered with a cover 70, 150. As described for example at page 11, lines 14 on, this arrangement is particularly advantageous in allowing the axial length of the fuel pump to be shortened and for providing smooth fuel flow in the pump.

In Takemoto, rotor 4 of the motor has no coils and no cover. Therefore, the present invention as defined in claims 1, 3 and new claim 19 is not anticipated. The Examiner characterizes Takemoto as including a case member 7. However, the Examiner also characterizes reference numeral 7 as corresponding to the claimed cover. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's original interpretation of component 7 is correct; reference numeral 7 identifies a housing or case enclosing the rotor. Housing 7 is not, however, a cover that covers an end of the armature. This has been emphasized by further defining the recess in the cover in claim 1 and the smooth fuel flow in claim 19. This has also been underscored in the claims presented by defining the cover as disposed between the bearing member and the recess in the rotor (claims 21 and 22) and by characterizing the recess in the cover as defining a receptacle opening away from the armature that at least partially receives the bearing (claim 23). In Takemoto the casing 7 has a projecting portion 7d in which a bearing is disposed, but there is no teaching in Takemoto of a cover having a recessed portion that opens away from the armature and receives at least a portion of the bearing.

Apparently recognizing the deficiencies of Takemoto, the Examiner cites the secondary reference to Moroto. Moroto teaches a rotor 4 of a motor that has coils 7 but no cover that covers the rotor end surface. Thus, both Takemoto and Moroto fail to

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teach an arrangement that allows fuel to flow through a motor section and has a cover for the rotor. Therefore, even if the rotor 4 of Moroto is applied to Takemoto, the present invention would still not result. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the invention specifically defined in claims 1, 3 and 19 is not anticipated by nor obvious from Takemoto taken alone or in combination with Moroto.

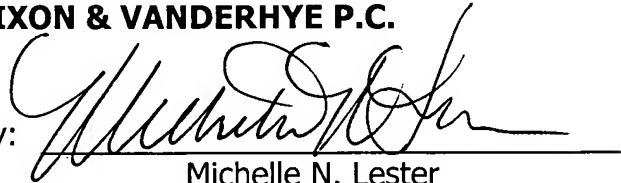
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection based on Takemoto and Moroto is requested.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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